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At what cost?

Story and photo by Miriam King, Bradford Times
Bradford West Gwillimbury Councillor James Leduc (foreground) considers the options at a joint Innisfil-Bradford West Gwillimbury Council Meeting, held February 22 in Innisfil Council Chambers to discuss the cost of Policing in South Simcoe.

The Councils of Innisfil and Bradford West Gwillimbury held a rare joint meeting of Committee of the Whole, on Feb. 22.

At issue: the Bradford West Gwillimbury resolution, passed in a 6-2 vote, asking for a costing from the Ontario Provincial Police for the provision of policing services.

The joint session allowed for informal debate over the key questions: Are the 2 Towns, partners in the South Simcoe Police Service since it was amalgamated in 1996, still partners moving forward with a costing? Should they ask only for an OPP costing, or also approach Barrie Police and York Regional Police as potential service providers? Is there a need for an external consultant, to evaluate the data?

Bradford West Gwillimbury Mayor Doug White chaired the session - and admitted, "Maybe we should have had more consultation, maybe we should have had this meeting" before his Council passed the resolution. He reaffirmed both the partnership, and satisfaction with the level of policing provided by the South Simcoe Police Service.

"Never has anyone in our Council said they are dissatisfied with the quality of the service. The issue for us is the rising cost of policing," White said. "That is the background that led to the motion. The issue for us is simply, are we getting the best bang for the buck?"

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the organization's 12-member Board abruptly resigned last week.

New president, Catherine Cherry-Williams has declined to comment - although reports cite disagreement within the board over staffing and finances. Cherry-Williams took over as President early in January, when long-time President Gord McNeice stepped down.

OPP Constable Peter Leon said that the Simcoe Dufferin Muskoka Program is the 5th largest Crime Stoppers in Canada, covering \$34,203 residents in 110,217 sq. km, stretching from Muskoka to Bradford West Gwillimbury. Since it was founded 25 years ago, the local Crime Stoppers branch has generated tips resulting in the clearance of 5,871 cases, leading to 3,688 arrests, the recovery of \$10.75 million in stolen property and over \$53.7 million in drugs.

"The program is operational and tips are still being taken," Const. Leon said. "Our tip-takers are working, and all the information received will be passed on to police."

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Innisfil's on-again, off-again Winterfest faced a number of challenges - not least of which was the weather.

Fortunately, the snow and freezing cold temperatures returned just in time for the event, held between February 24 to 26 at Innisfil Beach Park.

And there was just enough ice off the Innisfil Beach Park docks for the "Freezin' for a Reason" Polar Bear Dip to go ahead, Feb. 25 - a fundraiser for both the Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation, and Innisfil Community Events Corporation, which organizes Winterfest.

Teams dressed in costumes that included bikinis, longhorns and Medieval garb (the Innisfil Library's Days of Silver team) to take the plunge into the frigid waters of Lake Simcoe - helped to safety by Innisfil Firefighters in survival gear. The dip raised over \$10,000 for Conservation.

Among those Freezin' for a Reason was BWG Councillor Carl Hordyk, representing the Town. Mayor Doug White had originally signed up to take the plunge, but had to cancel: he's recovering from pneumonia, but did come out to cheer on Hordyk and team-mate Bradford Lion Gavin Maclean.

Hordyk raised just over \$1000 for the cause. Had he even taken a winter plunge into Lake Simcoe before? "Never - deliberately," he said, adding that jumping in wasn't the problem "It's coming out, when that wind hits you."



Top: Team BWG - Councillor Carl Hordyk and Bradford Lion Gavin Maclean - get ready to jump in. Firefighters help Hordyk out of the water. Above: Haven Kramer demonstrates his style.

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- In a skillet, heat 1 Tbsp. olive oil
- Add 2 onions, chopped and cook, stirring, until softened, about 3 minutes
- Add 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tsp. dried rosemary, crumbled or 1 Tbsp. chopped fresh
- 1/2 tsp. black pepper, cracked
- Cook stirring for 1 minute
- Transfer to slow cooker slowdown and stir in 5 cups vegetable broth
- Add 2 tart apples (such as Granny Smith), peeled and chopped
- 1/2 butternut squash, peeled and cubed
- Cover and cook on LOW for 6 hours or HIGH for 3 hours, until the squash is tender
- Preheat broiler
- Purée soup using an immersion blender
- (You can also do this in batches on a food processor or stand blender)
- Season to taste with salt, if desired
- Ladle soup into ovenproof bowls
- Shred 1 cup Swiss cheese
- And divide between the soup bowls
- Broil until the cheese melts, about 2 minutes.
- Sprinkle with finely chopped walnuts, if desired and serve

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Resident wants to respond to MP's OAS arguments

To the Editor: Re: Response to MP
In his letter of defense of the changes to Old Age Security (OAS), Mr. Van Loan fails to mention the contentious changes to the OAS proposed by Mr. Harper. The changes he lists are already in effect.

Mr. Harper has proposed raising the age of entitlement for OAS from 65 to 67 and possibly reducing the benefits to OAS recipients in the future.

"The looming OAS crisis" is a crisis manufactured by the Harper government to divert our attention from the real economic crisis, and is just another part in the imaginary intergenerational war that the Harper government would like to promote - again, to distract Canadians from the real issues: that is, the increasingly unequal and unfair distribution of economic benefits in Canada.

Real wages have flatlined in Canada since the 1980s. Job losses continue despite continued cuts in corporate tax rates, continued generous government incentives to companies, and rebounding corporate profits - which in some cases have exceeded profit levels pre-2008. Yet corporations are sitting on vast pools of capital - they are not hiring!

Van Loan quotes the oft-touted statistic that there are only 4 working Canadians to support each senior, compared to 7 in 1975. Well, that is as much a function of unemployment and under-employment

- especially among the young - as demographics. Unemployed people do not pay income tax, and cannot contribute tax revenue to support social programs such as OAS.

Also, real wages have pretty much flatlined since the 1980s, thanks to the race to the bottom resulting from no-strings-attached free-trade policies and globalization. The Harper government has rejected expert advice commissioned by the federal government which states that the OAS is, in fact, sustainable.

Mr. Van Loan raises the bogeyman of Greece. We are not Greece, Mr. Van Loan. Your figure of annual OAS payment cost increases from \$36 billion in 2010 to \$108 billion in 2030 is also rather meaningless, as it does not take into account inflation - or off-setting the coming "baby boom bulge" by higher levels of immigration.

The Harper narrative is a continuation of the Neo-Con. narrative of targeting the poor and the vulnerable, demonizing and undermining the unions, turning the thumbscrews even tighter on the middle class and the vulnerable, to benefit the rich. No, we don't buy it, Mr. Van Loan. And if and when OAS needs changes, those changes should be based on facts, not Mr. Harper's alarmist fantasies.

Helene van Houten, Bradford

contact elsie_greg@yahoo.ca or 905-251-3214.

Throughout April, Daffodil Month, volunteers in Bradford West Gwillimbury, Simcoe, Mount Albert and across Ontario will be raising funds for the Canadian Cancer Society. Join the fight against cancer: March 29 to April 1, buy daffodils for \$7 a bunch, two bunches for \$12 at IGA, Vince's Market, the LCBO and No Frills. For more information about the Cancer Society, Daffodil Month, where to buy daffodils and how to volunteer, visit fightback.ca or call 905-830-0447 ext. 3833.



From right, RBC West Branch manager Wayne Brakeboer welcomes representatives of the St. John Ambulance Therapy Dog Program - Nancy Chomyszyn, holding Ruby the Yorkshire Terrier; Program Co-ordinator Vivian Hold holding a plush Husky dog sold to raise funds for the program; and Doris Boekamp with Benny the Cockapoo, Feb. 25. The volunteers were on hand to raise funds, and to explain the program, which brings specially-trained dogs into hospitals, nursing homes and schools. For more information see www.sja.ca or call 905-773-3394. The Therapy Dog Program celebrates its 20th anniversary this year.

letters to the editor

Soccer Raffle Thank-you

To the editor: The Bradford Eagles Girls Rep U16B ('98/'99) team held a Fundraising raffle on Feb. 14 at the Bradford Sports Dome. All of the winners have been notified, and received their prizes.

The girls on the team would like to thank Canadian Tire, Home Depot, Decorator's Edge, Wal Mart, M & M Meat Shops, and Bronzewood Tanning in Bradford, Loves, Peterborough Speedway, Moksha Yoga of Aurora, and The Club At Bond Head for all of the raffle prizes. We would also like to thank the following families for their contributions - The Bullens, The Carveths, The Covillos, The Licks and The Martins.

Without the help of all of the above, our raffle would not have been a success. Please support them, as they have supported a local soccer team.

Phil Bullen, Team Mgr, Bradford Eagles U16B Girls

Squirmin' Thanks

To the editor: Thank you to all involved in making the Squirmin' Dirt Party a success. First our sponsors - Simone Performance Imports, Sharon Hope United Church, WestPine Promotions, Linda's Floral Designs, Inside Out, Mahalo Naturopathic Centre, Lone Star Texas Grill, Buffalo Wings, Two Blondes & a Brunette, Milestones, Artcuries, Raine Davis, Decorating Den, Supercentre, Creomore Coffee, Lynn Mitanoff, Enjo by Lee, Meade Helman, Women for Women, Jorshed Inc., Al and Darlene Crofton. We raised over \$700 to support our Guatemala initiative.

I am also grateful to The Bradford Times for helping to get the word out about this event. Over 50 people attended this fun-filled night! Squirmin'ly,

Cathy Nesbitt, Cathy's Crawly Composters

The elephant in the muck

To the editor: I would like to respond to the article, *Elephant in the room: South Innisfil Drain* (Bradford Times, Feb. 16/12).

I am a retired second-generation Market Gardener. From 1942 until 1993, our family grew vegetables in the fertile soils of the Holland and Cookstown Marshes. For that reason, I feel that I am qualified to comment on the article.

First, some history. In 1929, Professor Day and his colleague, W.D. Watson undertook the task of generating jobs and expanding the farming industry by dredging the Canal to create Canada's vegetable basket, the Holland Marsh. Eventually, many enterprising families acquired parcels of virgin soil in the Cookstown Marsh to the north, and painstakingly developed their farms in the same manner as those in the Holland Marsh. Over the next several decades, the Ministry of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) and other governmental agencies helped many growers to become among the best vegetable producers in Canada.

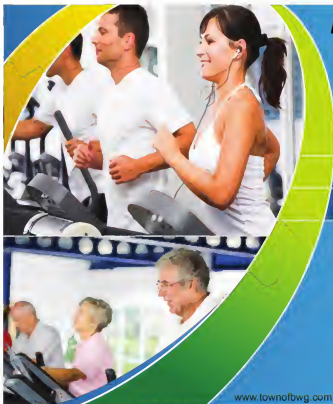
By the mid 1970s, most of the bush land within the Cookstown Marsh had already been clear-cut. However, for the duration of our stay (from the 1960s - 1990s), the Marsh had undergone occasional flooding. This would occur during the spring snow melts, and also when the heavy autumn rains caused the undersized South Innisfil Drain to swell and overflow its banks, ravaging the lowland fields of vegetable crops.

As in the Holland Marsh, OMAFRA's leadership in ensuring adequate drainage in all provincial jurisdictions is vital, as is all legislation within its mandate for the production of safe health foods, be it cauliflower or cattie.

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Wanted: Volunteers

The Terry Fox Run for Cancer Research-Bradford is hoping to expand its Volunteer Committee. Roles include: Corporate Team Development Manager, Corporate Networking Co-ordinator, Fundraising Development Manager, Marketing, Children's Activities, Corporate Contributions, Guest Speakers. Also wanted: volunteers to help put up signs and posters in the community prior to the event, and take them down afterwards; and volunteers to assist with registration, greeting, children's activity, and to serve as route guides on the day of The Terry Fox Run. Students are welcomed. To volunteer



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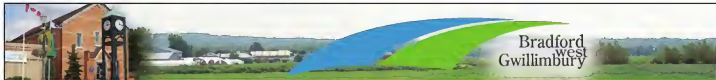
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Wed. Mar. 28/12 @ 6:30 p.m., Council Chambers, 57 Holland St. E.

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Thurs. Mar. 22/12 @ 7:00 p.m., Community Centre, 125 Simcoe Road

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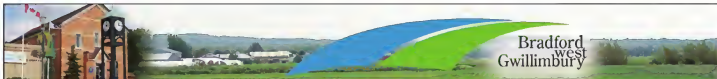
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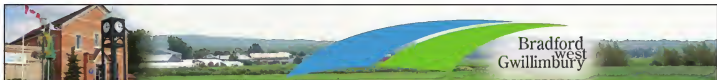
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When:
Monday, March 5, 2012

Where:
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Time:
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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Nomination forms and information outlining details of the program, including the deadline date, the selection criteria and the procedures followed in the selection process are available on my ministry's website at www.ontario.ca/honourandawards

Please take this opportunity to acknowledge a young person from your school or community who has made an important contribution to eliminating racial discrimination in Ontario.

For further information, please contact the Ontario Honours and Awards Secretariat: 416-314-7526, toll free 1-877-832-8622 or TTY 416-327-2391. **The deadline for nominations is May 31, 2012.**

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1:00-2:30pm Woodworking Workshop

Join Sharon from the Bradford Home Depot for some woodworking fun!
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Miriam King photo

Kayla, 2, enjoys pancakes at the Danube Seniors Leisure Centre "Pancake Tuesday" Breakfast, February 21 - a Fundraiser for Southlake Regional Hospital.

Danube Srs. Leisure Centre

The Danube Seniors Leisure Centre, 715 Simcoe Rd. in Bradford, welcomed the community to a Pancake Tuesday Breakfast on February 21 - a fundraiser for the Cancer Care Centre at Southlake Regional Health Centre. Breakfast of pancakes and sausages, cooked up by volunteers, was served for a donation to the cause.

For information on the Danube Srs. Leisure Centre, call 905-775-0612.

Coming up:

• **The Seniors Health Seminar** on Thursday, March 8 will be a CPR Workshop with Anita Horlings, Training Partner with the Canadian Red Cross. Find out more about CPR, the nature of heart attack, Stroke,

T.I.A. and Cardiac Arrest, and the uses of an AED - Automated External Defibrillator. The session begins at 11 a.m., followed by Lunch for only \$6. All welcome.

• **The Elvis Show** is coming to the Danube Centre on March 31 - featuring two award-winning Elvis Tribute Artists, John Cigan and Matt Dowsett, backed up by Gerie & The Koasters, and The Tonettes. Tickets for "Blue Suede Shoes: Memories of the King" are \$25 per person, available at 905-775-0612 or from EPC Management, 905-775-2936. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. Refreshments at intermission.

Bradford Legion Br. 521

Friday Night Meat Rolls take place every Friday at 5:30 p.m. Come out, enjoy a light dinner for a nominal fee - and perhaps win the meat for Saturday Dinner. On the first Friday of the month (March 2) enjoy Karaoke with Bob Serran, starting at 8 p.m. following the Meat Roll. All welcome.

On Sunday, March 11, come out to a **Jam Session** to benefit "Hurricane"

Lefroy-Belle Ewart Legion: Chili Challenge!

Congratulations to Comrade Derek Francis, who took part in the **Polar Bear Dip** in Lake Simcoe, at Innisfil's Winterfest, February 25. He raised \$270, which he donated to the Royal Canadian Legion. Thank you, Derek!

The Lefroy-Belle Ewart Legion's **Chili Cook-Off** is coming - Saturday, March 24 from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Legion branch, 1017 Robinson St. in Belle Ewart. The Ladies Auxiliary organizes this fun event, which challenges individuals and organizations to bring in their best chili, and let the public sample and vote for their favourites. The public is

Mike - one of the musicians who has always supported these sessions. Bring your musical talent and your musical instruments, from 1 to 6 p.m.

Stand behind our troops and veterans, enjoy comradeship and activities, and support youth programs in the community - join the Legion! For more information, contact Donna at 905-775-5025.

invited to come out, sample and vote - only \$5 per person for a bowl, bun, spoon, water and a ballot. To enter contact Maggie Barton at 705-812-0362. All welcome.

The Royal Canadian Legion has a Bursary Program, to help students entering post secondary education, who are the children or grandchildren of a War Veteran or Legion member. Application forms are available at local branches of the Legion. Deadline for applications is the last Friday in March, 2012. For more information, contact Bursary Chair Betty Donald at 705-436-1144.

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letters to the editor

MUCK, from Page 4

And those progressive individuals who initiated an engineering study to improve the affected lands emptying into the South Innisfil Drain might be lauded for their vision. Likewise, Innisfil's Mayor Barb Baguley has been gifted with the foresight to realize that adequate improvement of the South Innisfil Drain would "benefit the entire municipality."

One inaccuracy: In the article, it was alleged that "...the farmer who requested drainage improvements may have contributed to the drainage problem by clear cutting land in 1996." If I'm not mistaken, that farmer's smaller tract of land was one of the last few to be developed, in the several thousand acre basin. I can testify that our own farms there suffered severe flooding and substantial crop losses as far back as the '60s and '70s, when Innisfil's Cookstown Marsh was in its relative infancy, and certainly well before 1996.

To now shift the onus of drain maintenance from the Town to the owners of the lowland properties might be interpreted as demonstrating abandonment of duty, or perhaps an example of inequity. Appreciating the advancement in technology and our efficiency of productivity, should we now adopt a position which seems reflective of a regressive practice?

The historical collaboration of taxpayers and their elected representatives has mandated that Innisfil's Council make a just decision, by exercising their power to see that the Drain's maintenance continues to remain the responsibility of the Town - in the interests of fairness, and for the benefit of all concerned landowners.

Walter Prokopchuk, Bradford

What about courtesy?

To the editor: What ever happened to courtesy? We seem to have become a very selfish society. Earlier today I watched a neighbour shovel the snow out of his driveway and into the middle of the road. I'm sure this is more convenient for him, although most of us manage to get the snow on our own lawns. However, now there is a safety risk to all the people using our street, having to drive through this slush while most of the street is clear.

Sadly, he was not the only person on the street to do this. Our taxes go towards cleaning the streets for everybody's safety, and now due to selfish, discourteous people we are still having to deal with a snowy mess. We have been fortunate to have a mild winter - however, this should not excuse people from considering the safety of others.

Frustrated (Name withheld at Request of author)

What do you want to be when you grow up?

To carry out a truly effective job search, you need to have a clear career goal. It's like asking the question, "What do I want to be when I grow up?"

The average person will have seven - that's 7 - different careers in a lifetime; it is normal to change directions at various stages in your life. The challenge is to figure out what field of work is most suited to your particular needs and interests. How do you know? Here are some tips, from **bradfordWORKS**:

- **Ask yourself what you like to do in your spare time.** Do you have any hobbies? Can this be applied to a career in any way?
- **Find out what types of jobs are available.** There are many positions that may be outside of what you think of as a viable career choice. Check out the National Occupational Classification System at www.nrsc.gc.ca/NOC/English/NOC/2011/SearchIndex.aspx for a full list of job types in Canada.
- **Participate in "self assessments"** - free online, or access **bradfordWORKS** free

workshops, that assist with identifying personality type and interests - a great way to begin narrowing down a suitable career choice.

• **Volunteer.** Volunteering is a great way to help identify what kind of work would be most suitable and enjoyable. Volunteering gives us the chance to get a solid understanding of different positions and is a great networking tool - and has, in the past, led to full-time or contract employment for dedicated and engaged participants.

• **Follow employment trends** to ensure that your choices are in line with the positions that will be in demand in the local labour market. The TOP Report provides an overview of in-demand occupations in this area, www.upboard.ca/english/pdfs/TOP2011_Final.pdf. For more information and resources to help with your job search, contact **bradfordWORKS** at 905-778-9058 or visit the offices at 95 Holland St. W., Unit 105, Bradford.

Canadian Restorers airs on History

Bradford's Guild of Automotive Restorers was the scene of filming of a pilot for a new "reality" show, **Canadian Restorers** - following the work of the artisans who rebuild, recreate and customize classic and collector cars. The pilot is now airing on the History Network - on Friday, March 9 at 10 p.m.; Saturday, March 10 at 11 p.m.; and Saturday, March 31 at 6 p.m. Get a glimpse behind the scenes!

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World Religions Conference in Bradford

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community of Bradford West Gwillimbury invites the community to its 3rd Annual World Religions Conference - an opportunity to hear qualified guest speakers presenting a Jewish, Christian, Muslim and Sikh perspective on an issue of the day.

This year's topic: "Gender Role in Society."

The Conference will be held Thursday, March 8 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Portuguese Cultural Centre, 767 Simcoe Rd. in Bradford. The evening will be moderated by Bradford West Gwillimbury Mayor Doug White - and dinner will be served prior to the discussion.

Judaism will be represented by Len Rudner, Director of Community Relations and Outreach for the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs. The Christian Faith will be represented by Rev. Terry Weller, Editor of Interfaith Unity News, Associate editor of The Interfaith Observer, and founding member of the Toronto Area Interfaith Council.

An Islamic perspective will be presented by Muhammad Afzal Mirza, Missionary head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community Canada and former Vice President of The Institute of Islamic Studies in Mississauga.

Sikhism will be represented

by Deepinder Loomba, author, international Human Rights Activist, and member of many multinational organizations in Canada.

The goal of the evening is to promote peace and harmony among people of different faiths, by increasing understanding and mutual respect, and seeking commonalities. Everyone is invited to this free, intellectually-stimulating evening and exchange of ideas.

For more information, call 1-877-99-ISLAM (47526). To RSVP, please email info@bwrc.ca or call 647-778-5692, 647-861-8428 or 647-782-2722.

Carnival at Holy Trinity High School



This week, Holy Trinity High has been celebrating Carnival, with events that include Karaoke in the Cafeteria at lunch, Speed-stacking and Tug-o-War competitions, a Leap Day assembly, and the selection of a Carnival Mascot - this year, "Froggagan La Grenouille", designed by Gr. 10 student Katrina Todd, and carved by ice sculptor Ross Navarro. Chosen from 31 entries, "It had to incorporate the idea of Leap Year. It also had to capture the spirit of Carnival." Teacher Chris Bohdanowicz explained, "Last year, we had a combination of a coiffish and a wolf. It was mythical."

Left, students take a closer look at Froggagan, in the School's Library Courtyard.

Church Suppers and Events

St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Church, located at 56 Hearn St. in Bond Head, is hosting a **Lenten Dinner** on Sunday, March 4, from 5 to 7 p.m. - featuring Haddock and Chips, Salad, Dessert, tea or coffee. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$6 for children ages 7 to 12, free for children 6 and under. Tickets available at the door, or call 905-775-6144 or 905-775-8282 to reserve. All are welcome to attend.

Lefroy United Church is hosting an **Indoor Yard Sale** on Saturday, March 10, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Grange Hall. Spring cleaning!

Downsizing? Looking for new decorator items? Rent a table and sell your treasures and unwanted items, or drop by and hunt for bargains. For information or table rentals call Edna at 705-436-2042 or Diana, 705-456-2055.

Cookstown United Church, 37 Queen St., hosts its annual **St. Patrick's Stew & Lasagna Supper** on Sat. March 17, from 5 to 7 p.m. Dessert is Home-made pie! Adults \$12, children 6 to 12 years old \$5, under 5 free - at the door. All welcome.

Churchill United Church hosts a **St. Patrick's Day**

Dinner on Saturday, March 17, with two sittings - at 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Purchase tickets in advance for a dinner of Ham and Scalloped potatoes, Pears, Coleslaw and a large variety of home-made pies; call 705-436-3763 or 705-456-4692. Wear something green!

World Day of Prayer

The World Day of Prayer Church service will be held Friday, March 2 at 1 p.m., at Bradford United Church. The service was created by the women of Malaysia on the theme, Let Justice Prevail. All welcome.

The Six Pillars of Financial Planning



Tuesday March 6, 2012

7:30 PM

In the Library Boardroom



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The cost of Policing Services

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"The request for a costing was spurred by a report that the neighbouring Town of New Tecumseth, with a population of 32,000 and "a similar rural-urban mix," receives policing from the OPP at a cost that is \$1.8 million less than what is paid by BWG residents.

White pointed to the 2 new recreation centres in Innisfil and BWG, and suggested that if there was a \$1 million difference in operating costs, "who here wouldn't investigate that and want to know why? It should be the same with policing. This is what precipitated the resolution brought forward by (BWG) Councillor Carl Hordyk."

BWG and Innisfil have shared the costs of the South Simcoe Police Service since it was amalgamated, based on a formula that looks at population, number of households, and assessment. For the first 13 years, the split hovered at 41% for Bradford, 59% for Innisfil - but since 2010, more rapid growth in the southern municipality has shifted the balance. For 2012, BWG's share of the \$16.4 million policing budget is 44%, or about \$7.2 million - with Innisfil's share dropping to 56%, or \$9.16 million.

Innisfil's Chief Administrative Officer John Skorobohacz provided some options. Option A (working together as partners, to ask for costs from OPP, Barrie Police and York Regional Police) provided greater flexibility than Option B, which would see both municipalities pursue independent courses, he said. He recommended "Option C": hiring an external consultant to investigate the costs and operation of both the South Simcoe Police and a "comparable" OPP-policed municipality, to identify where the services differ, and where savings could be found, with "complete impartiality." Skorobohacz warned that there are currently 25 municipalities who have policing contracts with the OPP; that are working with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) to address escalating costs. OPP salaries are negotiated provincially, with "very little leverage" offered to the municipalities, he said. "The bill comes in, you have to pay."

Another option: "do nothing" at this time, to allow a new South Simcoe police chief to come on board and look for efficiencies, before facing the disruption of a costing.

Innisfil Councillor Lynn Dollin said

that the idea of the joint meeting was to explore BWG's resolution and move forward. "Certainly, it wasn't to hire another consultant."

Dollin, a member of AMO's Board, said that she had discussed policing costs with some of the 25 municipalities concerned over rising OPP salaries - "but when I tell them what we pay, \$9 million, that quiets the waters. They don't come close." The difference in policing costs for BWG may be \$1.8 million; for Innisfil, it's \$4 million, she said.

BWG Councillor Hordyk also objected to the recommendation to hire a consultant or delay a costing.

"The costing is going to take time... one to one and a half years," he said. "I think that's ample time for a chief to come in and find efficiencies."

"I'm the one who seconded Carl Hordyk's motion, for one reason and one reason only - the \$1.8 million difference," said BWG Councillor James Leduc, also supporting Option A. "The new chief knows a costing is on the table, and it hasn't deterred any one of (the candidates)."

Other Councilors supported hiring a consultant from the start, to "avoid pitfalls you might step into," said BWG Councillor Del Drake.

"I'm not in favor of consultants, consultants, consultants - but this is such a complex area," said BWG Councillor Peter Dykile Jr., who was on Council at the time of the last OPP costing. In the 1990s. "It's very confusing... I really feel it's going to take some level of consulting to break these numbers down."

"Would you hire a road contractor without having a plan?" asked BWG Councillor Gary Lamb. "We do not spend any money until we go through a process. We don't have a process here. We have a resolution - no RFP. We don't know what the pitfalls are. We don't even know what the options are... Why the rush?"

In the audience was consultant Michael Mitchell, of MPF Consulting. Asked to comment, Mitchell said that most costing procedures involve a consultant, to evaluate whether services are comparable. "Applies to apples? The

best you're going to do is Macintosh to Spartans... You have to be very specific in your RFP (Request for Proposals), as to what level of service you want."

Part of the problem with the South Simcoe Police Service, Mitchell noted, was that OCCOPS (now the Ontario Civilian Police Commission) set a level of service, at amalgamation, that defined the ratio of officers to population. He suggested that one way to address rising costs would be to approach the OCCP and "ask them to reconsider that standard... It's obviously not the standard that's being applied in other municipalities."

Mayor White pointed to one key difference between Nottingham and South Simcoe Police: not the officer-population ratio, but the fact that the South Simcoe service has a Chief, Deputy Chief, 2 Inspectors, and 4 staff sergeants, while the OPP detachment has 1 Inspector/Detachment Commander, and 1 Staff Sgt. "I don't need a consultant to see that's three-quarters of a million," White said. "Do we need our own Human Resources department? Do we need our own Finance department?"

He noted that New Tecumseth receives no subsidies for policing. "They're satisfied with their level of service. We're satisfied with our level of service. The difference is \$1.8 million."

"I've heard a lot about \$1.8 million, \$1.8 million - Innisfil's gap is \$4.3 million. Four million dollars is a lot of money," said Councillor Dollin. She proposed adopting Option A, to move forward with the costing - with an amendment: to hire an external consultant "when required." White suggested that a consultant would eventually be needed to analyse the costing, and potential costs of disbanding the South Simcoe Police "if that is the way we want to go."

"I for one want that process to proceed," he said. "I see absolutely no downside to a costing - which will either find that the SSPS is an efficient force, or that the service can be delivered for less."

The joint meeting voted in favour of Dollin's amendment. The resolution now comes back to each Council for ratification. If ratified by both, it opens the door to a costing for the entire South Simcoe service area.

\$1.8 million, \$1.8 million... Innisfil's gap is \$4.3 million.

— Lynn Dollin, Innisfil Councillor

Police ask for help

On Feb. 29, at about 2:40 a.m., South Simcoe Police were called to a Break In at a Collectibles Business in Innisfil. Thieves smashed the front glass door, and grabbed several NIJE jerseys, then fled the scene. Anyone with information is asked to call the Criminal Investigation Bureau, 705-436-2141, or Crime Stoppers.

The return of Winter

Severe winter weather Feb. 24-25 resulted 32 collisions, say South Simcoe Police - most of them vehicles in ditches, or minor property damage collisions. There were no serious injuries reported - but police remind motorists to use caution, slow down, and drive according to road/weather conditions.

Impaired at Drive-Thru

At 9:05 p.m. on Feb. 23, Police were called by staff at a fast-food drive-thru restaurant, reporting a patron who smelled of alcohol. Police located a 35 year old Bradford man operating his vehicle in the drive-thru lane, with his 2 small children and wife in the vehicle, and determined he was impaired by alcohol. The man was arrested and transported to the police station, where he failed breath tests. His vehicle was impounded for 7 days, licence was suspended for 90 days, and he was charged with Impaired and Over 080 mgs.

\$490 fine, 7 Demerits

On Feb. 21, at 4:03 p.m., an officer in a fully-marked police cruiser was behind a school bus that was unloading children on Melbourne Dr. The bus was fully stopped, with its stop arm extended and overhead red lights flashing - when it was passed by a vehicle. The police officer stopped the vehicle and found that the driver, a 17 year old Bradford youth, had not seen either the bus or the cruiser. The driver was fined \$490 and charged with Fail to stop for school bus. If convicted, he also faces 7 demerit points.

50 kmph on Canal Rd.

The signs posted on Canal Rd. in the Holland Marsh may say 50 KMph, but BWG's Speed Limit By-law had the road listed at 60 KMph - with one section, not specifically mentioned, set at 80 KMph by default.

It was Councillor Gary Lamb who spotted the discrepancies, and on February 21 brought forward an amendment to the By-law, setting the speed limit at 50 KMph on Canal Rd. from Pumphrey Rd. to Hwy. 9 - finally making the signs legal.



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Music for Kenya



by Kyle Bodi and Rita Hunt

On Sunday, December 14th, 2011, at Holy Trinity High School, the Bradford Academy of Music held a 2-hour fundraising concert - showcasing the talents of performers and musicians, and raising funds for the 24 HTHS students who will be participating in a trip to Kenya this Spring, working with Me to We/Free the Children, to build a school in the African nation.

Music included Christmas classics played by approximately 70 Bradford Academy of Music students. The Academy's youngest member, 4 year old Hanna Cummings, opened the evening by playing piano and singing, "Jolly Old St. Nicholas."

All of the performances received a well-deserved standing ovation at the end of the night. "I just wish to thank everyone, from participants to teachers, from parents to the principal of Holy Trinity, Heinrich Bebie, for all the co-operation and making this event possible," said Rita Hunt, Academy owner. The concert raised \$835 for Holy Trinity's Kenya trip.

Coming up: HTHS Students will be holding a fundraising Bottle Drive on Saturday, March 24, 9-11:30 a.m. Please be generous. Call 905-775-4841.

FCC hosts Shave for the Brave

Cancer is serious - for those diagnosed, for their families, for their communities.

And students at Fred C. Cook Public School are taking their fundraising seriously, launching both the "Shave for the Brave" and "Cut Back for Cancer" challenges, for Young Adult Cancer Canada.

In fact, according to the Shave for the Brave website www.shaveforthebrave.ca, Fred C. Cook is currently the top fundraiser, of all participating schools across Canada - and they're just begun.

On March 30, a group of students, parents, teachers, and hopefully, community heroes, will be shaving their heads or cutting a minimum of 10" of hair to support young adults with cancer. So far, over 30 "shavers" have signed up, and are already collecting pledges.

Local businesses are providing support and incentive prizes; the businesses can be identified by the "Shave for the Brave" posters they display.

As well, families are signing up for

the *Cut Back Challenge* - promising to cut back on some activity/purchase for a week, and donate the money to the cause.

"The kids are really excited," says Jennifer Chown, a parent volunteer helping to coordinate the event with fellow volunteer Heather Palmer and FCC teacher Tonia Ballantyne. "They all know what cancer is, and even if they have not been personally affected, they want to do something to help those whose lives are changed by this terrible disease."

Young Adult Cancer Canada is the leading support and advocacy organization in Canada for Young Adults with cancer. Anyone interested in signing up for Shave for the Brave, donating prizes, volunteering on March 30 or sponsoring a "shaver" is asked to contact teacher Tonia Ballantyne at FCC, at 905-775-4821, or Jenn Chown at 905-778-0995. Organizers are also looking for professional hairstylists, to volunteer their services on March 30.

BWG Easter Egg Hunt needs support

The Town of BWG is getting out of the Egg Hunting business - but CrossTrainers and Bradford Scouting hope to keep the tradition going, April 7 at the Lions Park in Bradford.

Giant Tigger has offered its support - a donation of 2,000 yummy chocolate eggs, additional eggs at cost - but that means the Scouts are scrambling for

about \$1,000 in cash, for eggs and a Bunny suit. Anyone who can donate, to make sure the annual Easter Egg Hunt continues to delight all kids, is asked to contact Joanne at 905-775-4728; cheques should be made payable to Scouts Canada. Service clubs, businesses, developers and individuals are being asked to help the Easter Bunny!

Bottle Drive for Scouting

Bradford Scouts will be holding a Bottle Drive on Saturday, February 25 - raising funds to send local youths to the Canadian Jamboree, being held at Camp Woods in Sylvain, Alberta, July 6 to 13, 2012. Between 18 and 20 Scouts will be attending from Bradford - but first, have to raise the funds.

For more information, or to arrange a pickup, contact Lloyd George at 905-778-0808.

Costs for Kids

The Costs for Kids depot in the St. Mary's A Hall on Frederick St. is open every Thursday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Families can drop in, to pick up used but good quality winterwear for children, at no charge. All items are donated by the community. Donations can be dropped off at VideoQuest, the Costs for Kids Depot, or the office of The Bradford Times, 74 John St. West. Please: Only donate good-quality, used and outgrown winterwear.



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BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Bradford Jewellery & Gems



Peter Dykile Jr. started selling jewellery when he was still in High School. Instead of taking a run-of-the-mill summer job, he took out a \$2,000 Student Venture loan, and launched "Peter Dykile Jewellery & Gems", selling class rings to his fellow students.

He opened his first store-front in 1985, while still a Business Administration student at Humber College - and in 1995, opened Bradford Jewellery & Gems at its current location, 5 Holland St. East.

The store has always offered a wide range of watches, chains, Canadian diamonds, religious items, and gold, gold, gold - a focus even reflected in its phone number, 905-775-GOLD. But times change. Dykile had to overcome a devastating robbery, eye surgery, and soaring gold prices that put the commodity beyond the reach of many consumers.

He found a solution in "silver" - the brilliant Pandora line of bracelets and charms.

Dykile explains the Pandora "system". Buy a bracelet, and then add "different charms for different occasions, different seasons... There are hundreds and hundreds of different beads

that go on a bracelet."

And while most are silver, there are also 2-tone, murano glass, and solid gold charms. Attractive, meaningful, and affordable - "from \$35 up to as much as \$995 for a 14 karat yellow gold and diamond charm" - Pandora has become the 2nd most recognizable name in the jewellery business. No. 1 is still "Tiffany."

Bradford Jewellery & Gems continues to offer jewellery repairs, wedding bands, gold for baptisms and confirmations, and watches that include Roots, Seiko, Movado, Gucci and Toy brands. But Pandora now makes up 60% of sales. "It's a nice gift - the ladies like it, and it's easy for the men, too," Dykile says.

He's busy getting ready for the Inn's Spring launch - "a whole new variety for 2012, all new colors, all new for St. Patrick's Day and Mother's Day" - and next week, will be offering a free bracelet with any Pandora purchase of \$150 or more, March 8, 9, and 10.

Bradford Jewellery & Gems, 5 Holland St. East, is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tues. and Weds., 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thurs. and Fri., and 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays. Get on the email list, for updates on Pandora launches, by emailing bradfordjewellery@gmail.com

The store has been renovated and updated, there are plans for expansion, but Dykile plans to stay in his current location. "I want to remain in the heart of the downtown."



Left, Peter Dykile Jr. with Pandora necklace and bracelets. Above: Bradford Jewellery & Gems storefront. See www.bradfordjewellery.ca or www.PandoraJewelleryBradford.ca



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Great Backyard Bird Count

by Ian McIntyre, Barrie Examiner
The event was for the birds - and for people who enjoy our fine-feathered friends.

The 2012 Great Backyard Bird Count took place over the weekend - and thousands of birders

across North America participated in the 15th annual event, counting birds to create a "snapshot" of avian life across the continent.

Last year, more than 11 million birds belonging to nearly 600 species were counted over 4 days. But you don't have to be a full-fledged ornithologist to keep an eye open for the Sharp-shinned Cooper's Hawk, the Blue-headed

or the Black-capped chickadee, to name just a few of the local species. Taking part in the Bird Count, organized by Bird Studies Canada, Audubon and the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, is easy and open to everyone, according to Inletville resident and nature-lover, Jennifer Howard.

"It's a free event anyone can do - young and old, experienced or not," says Howard. "You can spend as little or as long as you want on counting birds in your backyard, at the park, driving around, or wherever you like." Participants watched, identified and counted the birds - then filled out an online checklist, at the Great

Backyard Bird Count website, www.birdcount.org. The information is important to the scientists - combined, it provides a picture of the health of North American bird populations, which species are



struggling, and shifts in range, which may be related to climate change. "And it's a great way to get your children and grandchildren involved in nature," says Howard, who calls bird counting/watching a rewarding experience. "It gets you away - physically and mentally - from the hectic everyday life. It brings you in touch with Mother nature and her beauty and serenity. You meet some great people, and you never know what you are going to see."

"Most importantly, it is relaxing, fun, and you can do it anywhere, with anyone. Be prepared to get hooked." As of February 25th, 92,401 checklists had been submitted, recording nearly 13,079 million birds, belonging to 609 species.

Ontario was 5th on the list, in terms of the number of checklists submitted - a whopping 3,990. Locally, the City of Barrie sent in 52 checklists, listing 35 species observed. In Bradford, 7 checklists tallied 106 birds belonging to 16 species - way up from last year's count.

York Simcoe Naturalists meet

York Simcoe Naturalists meet on Tuesday, March 13 at the River Drive Park Community Centre, 20 Oak Ave. in River Drive Park (off Queensville SR, north of Holland Landing), at 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker

is Kate Siena, from the Turtle Trauma Centre. For more information see www.ymsnaturalists.ca or email ymsclub@yahoo.ca. All welcome - refreshments will be served.

Schomberg Ag Society Farm Tour

The Schomberg Agricultural Society hosts its 8th Annual self-directed Farm Tour - this year on the theme, "Home of Champions."

On Saturday, March 10, visit 3 local farms that house Champion Thoroughbred Horses, Dairy Cows and Heavy Horses. The gates will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Cost of the drive-yourself tour is only \$10 per car, for a map to each of the farms. Tickets are available

starting March 3, at Rona Cashway in Schomberg, Schomberg Farm & Garden Supplies, Brownsville Guardian Drugs, Richvale Saddlery, Nobleton Feed Mill, Tottenham Feed Service, Tottenham Home Hardware, and Maple Farm Supply in Bolton - or at the Schomberg Community Hall on the day of the tour, where lunch of hot soup, chili and hot dogs will also be available.

Please, no dogs!

Let Rural Voices Be Heard

There is still time for rural Ontarians to let their voices be heard, and participate in the Rural Voices Network's "Let Your Voice Be Heard" Survey. The goal of the survey is to identify what enables rural residents to participate in community life, and what is a barrier to civic engagement.

The survey is available online at www.ruralvoicesnetwork.ca or contact a local Women's Institute for a paper copy of the survey, or call 519-836-3078 or email info@ruralvoicesnetwork.ca. The survey will be online until March 16. All hard-copy surveys must be received at the FWIO Office, 7382 Wellington Rd. 30, RR #5, Guelph, ON N1G 6H2 by March 23.

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Arts & Entertainment

The Bradford Arts Guild is holding a Meeting to discuss plans for 2012, and invite ideas on how to move the Guild forward to meet the needs of the Arts Community. The meeting will take place this Sunday, March 4 from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Bradford Public Library's Zima Room, 425 Holland St. West. Please RSVP by Friday, March 2 - refreshments will be served. Unable to attend? Feel free to email or send in your ideas, to bradfordartsguild@gmail.com

Planning for the 2012 BWG Studio Art Tour has begun. Artists interested in participating in this exciting event, which showcases the work of local artists and artists September 14-16, 2012, can pick up an application at the Bradford West Gwillimbury Town Offices at 100 Dissette St.; the office of The Bradford Times at 74 John St. W., Bradford Topical on Bridge St., or download from www.gotobwg.ca/PDF/default.aspx?7438n=Events+Calendar. Applications must be submitted by March 26.

The work of Aurora quilt artist

On Stage News: Theatre

South Simcoe Theatre in Cookstown is looking for directors for **Four Play: A Showcase of Play Readings**, which takes place May 31 to June 3, 2012 - lightly rehearsed readings of a variety of works. Directors of all levels of experience are welcome to apply. For more information and the Four Play line-up, see www.southsimcoetheatre.com. To apply, contact Christina Luck, c@christinaluck.com by March 16.

Volunteers are needed for Set Building, painting and props - behind-the-scenes help at the South Simcoe Theatre in Cookstown, for

Angela Krotowski will be on display at the Aurora Cultural Centre, to March 31. **Story Quilter: The Threads that Bind Us - A 40 Year Retrospective of Angela Krotowski** features 40 of the artist's works, along with artifacts highlighting historic quilting practices and heritage pieces. The Aurora Cultural Centre is located at 22 Church St., Aurora; www.auroraculturalcentre.ca. Admission is free, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tues.-Sat. There will be an Artist's Reception on Sunday, March 4, 1-4 p.m. - and March Break workshops for children ages 7 and up.

Looking for a new craft? Come to the Celebration of Arts & Crafts at the Simcoe County Museum on March 3, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be demonstrations of many crafts - including Rug Hooking, Stained Glass, Spinning, Weaving, Knitting, Laccmaking, woodcarving and teddy bears - plus an opportunity to talk with local crafters and artisans, purchase craft supplies, and explore Simcoe County Arts & Crafts Association's Crafters' Cupboard. See www.simcoecrafts.ca/celebrations

the spring musical, **The Pyjama Game**, a 1950s romantic comedy set in a pyjama factory. Helpers are needed every Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., to April 7 at the Town Hall Theatre, 1 Hamilton St. in Cookstown. To sign up, contact Christina at c@christinaluck.com or call 705-458-4432.

Theatre By The Bay's Young Company is looking for 10 young actors to play 30 characters in a musical adaptation of Mordcael Richier's **Jacob Two Meets the Hooded Fang**. Actors between the ages of 12 and see **STAGE Page 20**

March Break @ the Bradford Library

The Bradford Public Library is offering a week of kids' activities for **March Break**, March 12-16, at 425 Holland St. West in Bradford.

Monday - Drop-In Games from 10 a.m. to noon, for all ages - free; and **Family Movie "Onomel and Juliet"** from 1 to 3 in the Zima room, free.

Tuesday - Drop-In Crafts from 10 a.m. to noon, for ages 5 to 12 - painting, stained glass art, watercolor, collage and mosaic art. In the afternoon, it's **Mythbusters** from 1 to 2:30 p.m., for ages 6-12 - fun and experiments in the multi-purpose room, free!

Wednesday - Drop-In Games from 10 a.m. to noon, for all ages - free. In the afternoon, a **Woodworking Workshop** with Sharon from Home Depot, 1 to 2:30 p.m. Two programs - one for ages 7 and up - only \$2 per child, pre-register at Borrower Services.

Thursday - Drop-In Crafts from 10 a.m. to noon, for ages 5 - 12 - free. In the afternoon, from 1 to 2:30 p.m., it's **"Afternoon of a Wimpy Kid"** - crafts, games and activities



inspired by the Diary of a Wimpy Kid series, for ages 6 and up. \$2 per child, pre-register at Borrower Services. **Friday - Family Movie** afternoon, from 1 to 3 p.m., features **Toy Story 3** in the Zima Room, free. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

There's a new knitting circle at the Bradford Public Library that will be meeting on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Boardroom. **"Knit Happens"** invites knitters of all ages and all skill levels to gather, and work on their creations. Pick up tips, learn the basics, share ideas and inspiration. No registration needed - just drop in. For more information, call Nina

at 905-775-3328, ext. 6105.

The BWG Friends of the Library are now accepting donations of gently used paperbacks in good condition, current fiction and non-fiction, children's books, CDs and DVDs for the Spring Book Sale. Donations can be dropped off at Borrower Services. Please - no moldy or damaged books, text books, Reader's Digest condensed books, or magazines. These can be bagged and placed in the recycling bin (after removal of any hard covers or spiral bindings).

The Preview Sale will take place from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Friday, March 30; \$10 per person gives patrons first pick of the donated books, in the Zima Room. The main book sale takes place Saturday, March 31 - admission is free, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. For information, call 905-775-3328 or see bradford.library.on.ca. Photo: From left, Teodor, Michelle DeGasperis and Celeste, at the Feb. 25 Dr. Seuss Themed Family afternoon.

March Break Madness is coming!

a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mon. to Sat., and 1 to 4:30 p.m. on Sundays. Regular Museum rates apply. Located at 1151 Hwy. 26, north of Barrie.

The Elman W. Campbell Museum, 134 Main St. South in Newmarket, presents a variety of March Break Activities, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily, March 13 - Creative

Crafts, \$5.00/person. March 14 - Bumble Bee Fun, \$5.50/person. March 15 - Pin the Tail on the Donkey, \$5.50/person. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult (over 18). Note: This is not day camp, and there are no lunchroom facilities. For info, call 905-933-9314, email elmannuseum@rogers.com or visit www.newmarket.ca

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March Break Day Camp

The Simcoe County Museum hosts March Break Day Camp for kids ages 6 to 12. Kids can be a Pirate for 3 days, March 12 - participate in Fairy Tale Frenzy on March 13 - investigate the world of counterfeiters, fakes and forgeries, March 14 - Explore Lost Civilizations on March 15 - and discover Mythical Creatures, from Kempenfey to Kelly to unicorn. March 16. Cost is \$23/child/day for Museum members, \$26/child/day for non-members, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. daily; before-and-after camp care available, \$5 per day. Contact 705-728-3721, education@simcoe.ca or visit museum.simcoe.ca

The Sweetest Season... Maple Syrup time!

The Sugarbush Maple Syrup Festival returns to Bruce's Mill Conservation Area, Stouffville Sideroad east of Warden Ave., and to Kortright Centre for Conservation, 9550 Pine Valley Drive, March 3 to April 9, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Includes demonstrations of "sugaring off," wagon rides, live entertainment, pancakes and maple syrup, and special events for March Break. Admission is \$9 adults, \$6.50 for children and seniors, free for tots 4 and under - plus \$4 parking at Kortright. For more information, see www.maplesyrupfest.com

International Women's Day Celebration, at the PCCB

Come and celebrate International Women's Day, at the annual Spring Fling at the Portuguese Cultural Centre of Bradford, Saturday, March 10. Starting at 6:30 p.m., enjoy Cocktails, Dinner, and a fun and fabulous fashion show, featuring DJ Vibe and singer Kelly Moniz. Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$15 for children ages 7 to 11, free for tots. For more information or tickets contact Tina at 905-775-4291, Jean at 905-775-4723 or Luisa, 905-778-0363. An evening for women!

YNOT Eco Fashion Show this weekend

YNOT Youth Council will be hosting an Eco Fashion Show at the Nottawasaga Inn & Resort on March 3, from 1 to 4 p.m. - with the fashion show beginning at 2 p.m. Kelly Drennan, founder of Fashion Takes Action, will explain the sustainable and ethical practices of the contributing designers, including Me to We Style, and Echoes in the Attic, in this show with an ethical purpose. Admission is free! YNOT is a youth-led council, supported by Nottawasaga Futures, that fosters community leadership, advocacy for change, and participation in community events.

Celtic Celebration @ the Innisfil Public Library

This September 15, the inaugural Innisfil Celtic Festival will celebrate the Town of Innisfil's Celtic Roots.

Get a taste of the Festival this March at the Stroud, Cookstown and Lakeshore Branches of the Innisfil Public Library. The Celtic Celebration begins at the Stroud Public Library, 7883 Yonge St., this Saturday, March 3 - with Sanderson's School of Highland Dancing at 11:30 a.m., Jeff Williams at noon, Harry the Cap at 12:30 p.m., a Strongman Demo at 1:30 p.m., Piper at 2 p.m., and Megan Stephen at 2:15 p.m.

On Saturday, March 10, the fun shifts to the Cookstown public library - starting at 11:30 a.m. with the band Pagan's Folly - and on March 17th, to the Lakeshore Branch, 967 Innisfil Beach Rd. For full details see www.innisfil.library.on.ca/celtic-celebration

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Science can be fun. Just ask the Grade 5 students at Fieldcrest Elementary School in Bradford.

On Feb. 17, they held a Science Fair at the school, open to fellow students and parents, and presented the results of their hands-on experiments. They also played iPhone videos they had made themselves, demonstrating the basic principles of physics - from changes in phase, to the power of expanding gases. They made it rain, created erupting volcanoes (above), used carbon dioxide to inflate balloons, investigated the properties of matter (left) - and had fun!



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NOVICE AE

Feb. 23, Bradford - 5, Newmarket - 2. Scoring by Graham Sim with the hat trick, singles by Brandon Scott and Darcy Mott (unassisted). Helpers to Antonio Kutarovski, Emily Hill, Kaeleigh Gardiner (2) and Tanner Hueglin (2).

Feb. 25, Bradford - 1, Markham - 0. Goal by Brandon Scott. Shutout to Carson Palmer.

Feb. 26, Bradford - 3, Innisfil - 2, in Overtime. Goals by Kegan Torrey from Brandon Scott and Emily Hill; Brandon Scott unassisted; and Graham Sim with the game-winner, unassisted. Great goaltending by Isaac Duva.

MINOR ATOMS Playoffs

Feb. 18, NobleKing - 2, Bradford - 1. Lone goal by Carson Cameron, from Cole Takacs and Joseph Magani.

Feb. 23, Bradford - 4, NobleKing - 3. Scoring by Carson Cameron with a pair, singles by Tyler Mumford and Ryan Jensen. Assists to Cole Takacs (2), Stuart Heath, Mumford and Thomas King.

Feb. 25, Bradford - 3, NobleKing - 2. Goals by William Bishop, Weston Torrie, and the game-winner in overtime by Jackson Carruthers, unassisted. Helpers to Tyler Mumford, Stuart Heath and Jace Crane.

Feb. 26, NobleKing - 9, Bradford - 1. Lone goal by Jackson Carruthers, unassisted.

Feb. 27, NobleKing - 4, Bradford - 0, in a hard-fought game. NobleKing moves on.

BANTAM REP

York-Simcoe Playoffs - Quarterfinals

Game 1, Bradford Maroon General Contracting/Fox Racing - 3, Barrie - 3. Scoring by Connor James from Ian Atkinson and Matt Sorgini; Atkinson from Garrett Gordon; and Alex Kooy from Jonathan Jordanou and Atkinson.

Game 2, Bradford Maroon General Contracting/Fox Racing - 1, Barrie - 0. Goal by Daniel Atcheson from Brad Lesgett and Danny Vilos. Shutout to Jesse Barrs.

Game 3, Barrie - 5, Bradford Maroon General Contracting/Fox Racing - 2. Scoring by Ian Atkinson from Alex Kooy and Garrett Gordon, and Connor James, from Matt Sorgini and Travis Loran.

Game 4, Bradford Maroon General Contracting/Fox Racing - 5, Barrie - 2. Scoring by Connor James, Jeff Skerratt, Alex Kooy, Travis Loran (unassisted) and Jonathan Jordanou, on assists from Ansel Gravelle, Kooy, Matt Sorgini, Skerratt (2), Garrett Gordon. Great goaltending by Jesse Barrs.

Game 5, Bradford Maroon General Contracting/Fox Racing - 3, Barrie - 2, in Overtime Goals by Ian Atkinson from Jonathan Jordanou; and a pair by Alex Kooy, including the unassisted game-winner. Other assists to Jan Atkinson and Travis Loran. Great goaltending by Owen McMechan. Bradford wins the quarterfinals, and moves on to the York-Simcoe Semi-final round robin vs. Aurora and Newmarket.

Marlie-Mania in Bradford!



It was Marlie-mania at the new Bradford West Gwillimbury Lelseure Centre, February 22. The AHL Toronto Marlies - including some-time NHL players Nazem Kadri, Joe Colborne, Colton Orr, Keith Aulie and goalie Ben Scrivens - came out for a Skills Demo and a skate with the Bradford Bulldogs, in a fundraiser for Bradford West Gwillimbury Minor Hockey.

The Bulldogs' team featured players from every Division - and the kids were thrilled, to be skating with some of their hockey heroes.

For the Marlies, it's also a good time. Defenseman Keith Aulie, 22, has been playing with the Marlies "on and off for the last 2 years," and has been called up to play with the Leafs 17 games this season. Originally from Rouleau, Saskatchewan, Aulie explained the Marlies planned to spend over an



Kids, Bulldogs and the Toronto Marlies - a great combination, February 22. Submitted.



hour on the Bradford ice, warming up, and going through drills and skills competitions with the kids. "We get to relax and have a little bit of fun out here," he said.

Goalie Ben Scrivens was also looking forward to Marlies Day in Bradford. He signed with Toronto after playing junior hockey in Alberta, and 4 years of

NCAA hockey, at Cornell University.

Scrivens has suited up for the Maple Leafs on at least 8 occasions this season, and has 2 wins to his credit. "You're always kind of hopeful," he said, noting that all of the Marlies are basically on standby, in case they're needed to fill in for an injured Leafs player, or to bring their

strengths to the team.

"The biggest thing, you have to be down here and you have to be ready," Scrivens said. "You have to be ready to seize the day."

But on February 22, the Marlies were just ready to have fun, on the ice with their young fans. (Note: Keith Aulie was traded to the Tampa Bay Lightning on Feb. 27).

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Jan. 29, Bradford #11 Lisbon Paving - 6, Oak Ridges - 3. Goals by Kaden VanNamen with a pair, Gavin Rocha with a hat trick, single by Michael Flynn. Helpers to Riley Gainer, Kaleb Christopherensen, Ethan McCorm, Seth Kelly, Lauren Szabo and Kaden Reinhardt.

Feb. 4, Bradford #11 Lisbon Paving - 8, Lefroy - 0. Goals by Kaden VanNamen with a hat trick, singles by Tyler Kile, Jack Reid, Gavin Rocha, Riley Gainer, Michael Flynn. Assist to Flynn, Kile, Ethan McCorm, Sophia Stam, Rocha and Gainer. Shutout to Christopher Quizi.

Feb. 18, Bradford #11 Lisbon Paving - 4, Thornton - 0. Kaden VanNamen with 2 goals, singles by Gavin Rocha and Sophia Stam, from Kaden Reinhardt, Lauren Szabo, Riley Gainer, Kaleb Christopherensen, Stam, Jack Reid and Tyler Kile.

Feb. 19, Bradford #11 Lisbon Paving - 1, Innisfill - 1. Unassisted goal by Gavin Rocha.

Feb. 25, Schomberg - 4, Bradford #11 Lisbon Paving - 2. Scoring by Riley Gainer and Michael Flynn, from Seth Kelly, Flynn, Tyler Kile and Gainer.

Feb. 26, OakRidges - 3, Bradford #11 Lisbon Paving - 1. Lone goal by Kaden Reinhardt from Lauren Szabo.

Feb. 18, Bradford #2 - 6, Innisfill - 3. Scoring by Justin Dias with a pair, singles

by Dylan Woodcock, Logan Wareing, Evan Robins and Spencer Natale. Assist to Brandon Spadafora and Colton Graham.

Carsyn Elliot was solid in net.

Feb. 19, Bradford #2 - 8, Thornton - 2. Goals by Justin Dias with a hat trick, Andreas Alves with 2, singles by Aiden Kapralik, Julia Mumford and Colton Graham. Helpers to Kapralik (2), Carsyn Elliot (2), Mumford and Dias. Great game in net by Dylan Woodcock.

NOVICE DIVISION

Feb. 20, Game 1. Bradford #1 Mayor Doug White/Weekend Hockey - 13, NobleKing - 1. Scoring by Kyle Smith with a pair, single by Julian Crosby. Assist to Crosby (2) and Smith.

Feb. 21, Game 2. Bradford #1 Mayor Doug White/Weekend Hockey - 12, NobleKing - 2. Goals by Julian Crosby and Kyle Smith with 4 each, singles by Owen Dale, Evan Drummond, Tyler Robinson and Shawn Bezerra. Assist to Crosby (3), Smith (3), Dale and Bezerra.

Feb. 25, Game 3. Bradford #1 Mayor Doug White/Weekend Hockey - 5, NobleKing - 0. Goals by Liam Connors with a pair, singles by Julian Crosby and Kyle Smith. Assist to Crosby (2), Smith, Jacob Savelli (2), Nathan Pruitt, Shawn Bezerra and Josh Marzano. Shutout to Owen Dale.

Newmarket & District Ringette



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Newmarket Rays U16B Ringette Team won GOLD in the Ignite the Ice Tourney.

The 5th Annual Ignite the Ice Ringette Tourney took place at the Magna Centre in Newmarket, Feb. 17-19. More than 50 teams with over 700 players from across Southern Ontario came together for a weekend of fun and sportsmanship. Newmarket teams won Silver in the U10, U12B and U14B divisions, and Gold in U16B.

In Regular Play: U10B Ringette

Feb. 26, Pickering - 7, Newmarket Rays - 5. Goals by Kate Sinha and Veronica

Walters with 2 each, single by Michaela Peron. Assist to Hope Thomson, Sydney Stahler, Kaley Trotter and Peron.

U12B Ringette

Feb. 25, Newmarket Rays - 5, West Muskoka - 3. Scoring by Sarah Jacobs with 3, singles by Caleigh Randall and Danielle Pelletier. Assist to Jacobs (2), Leigh Randall (2), Pelletier (2) and Alyssa Hrysiu.

Feb. 26, Newmarket Rays - 6, West Muskoka - 6. Goals by Sarah Jacobs with 3, Alyssa Hrysiu with 2, single by Danielle Pelletier, from Jessica Just and Jacobs.

U14A Ringette

Feb. 25, Cambridge Turbos - 6, Newmarket Rays - 1. Lone goal by Taylor Cranston, from Kierra Lee.

Feb. 26, Newmarket Rays - 5, Whitby Wild - 1. Scoring by Jada Laliberte and Hayley Fisher with 2 goals each, single by Thait Walters. Assist to Caroline Sweeney, Kierra Lee (2) and Erica Weekes.

U14B Ringette

Feb. 26, Oshawa Storm - 8, Newmarket Rays - 6. Goals by Alyssa Nunn with 2, singles by Caitlyn Sweeney, Hailey Castro, Brooke Thomson and Taleigh McGrath, from Sweeney, McGrath and Majia Peters.

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Deaths

TAYLOR, Pauline • Peacefully passed away at Southlake Regional Health Centre, Newmarket on Sunday, February 26, 2012. Pauline Taylor of Bradford in her 60th year. Beloved daughter of the late Harold and late Margaret Taylor. Loving sister of Linda (David) Clark, Arthur (Gwen) Taylor, and Brett (Karen) Ewart. Dear aunt of Michael (Michelle), Geoffrey (Christal), Cindy (Greg), Sam and Cameron. Dear great aunt of Kayla, Taylor and Alyssa. Friends may call at the SKWARWICH FUNERAL HOME, 30 Simcoe Rd., Bradford for visitation on Thursday from 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Funeral service will be held at the Trinity Anglican Church, 16 Church St., Bradford on Friday, March 2, 2012 at 11 a.m. followed by cremation. Donations to Trinity Anglican Church, Bradford or to Princess Margaret Hospital Foundation would be appreciated.

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Microworks Playoffs

Playoffs in the MicroWorks Major Curling League began Feb. 21. Parry Sound Insurance (Cory Heggestad) and BMC Construction/McAfee & Assoc. Insur. (Willie MacPherson) had the bye. Dominion of Canada Insur. Co. (Bunn-o-Matic (Pat Perroud) - 4, DM Printing Equipment (Susan McKnight) - 4, PerformanceCurlingSupplies/Freedom 55 Financial (Al Corbell) - 5, Shot Rock Shop/Thor Motors (Garry Morgan) - 3, Comco Petroleum/Dr. Chris Schell Optometrist (Andrew Thompson) - 7, The Wilds at Cedar Valley/Georgian College (Bill Irwin) - 2, Aurora Auto Wholesalers (Wylie Allan) - 7, Datalogix/Ray's Driving School (Don Campbell) - 5, in the only "upset" of the night. Seventh-seeded Allan defeated 6th seed, Campbell.

Playoffs continued on Feb. 28:

On the "A" Side, Dominion of Canada Insurance/Bunn-o-Matic (Perroud) - 8, Aurora Auto Wholesalers (Allan) - 5.

Performance Curling Supplies/Freedom 55 Financial (Corbell) - 9, Comco Petroleum /Dr. Chris Schell Optometrist (Thompson) - 5.

On the "B" Side, DM Printing Equipment (McKnight) - 8, Datalogix/Ray's Driving School (Campbell) - 3, Shot Rock Shop/Thor Motors (Morgan) - 8, The Wilds at Cedar Valley/Georgian College (Irwin) - 3.

Playoffs continue on March 6.

Bowl for Kids' Sake this Sunday

Once again residents are being asked to "Bowl for Kids' Sake", and support Big Brothers Big Sisters of York and Bradford West Gwillimbury. Bradford's Community Day will be on Sunday, March 4 at Bradford Bowl, at 1 and 3 p.m. Put together a team of 4 to 6 bowlers, raise funds for Big Brothers Big Sisters, and enjoy a great afternoon of bowling and prizes. There are currently over 100 youth on the waiting list for the organization's mentoring programs.

To register, or to donate a prize, please contact 905-726-2149, ext. 305.

Healthy Smiles!

Appointments are now being booked for the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit's Mobile Dental Clinic - which is coming to Bradford this month. The Healthy Smiles Ontario Program provides dental services for children 17 and younger who are members of a family with an Adjusted Family Net Income of \$20,000 or less, and who have no access to any other form of dental coverage. For eligibility and appointments, call Your Health Connection at 1-877-721-7520, or see www.simcomuskokahealth.org

Fishing for Tyler



Photos and story by Miriam King, Bradford Times

Above, French family - from right, Elisa, Tyler, Tiffany and Terry - congratulate winner Erin Szabo (2nd from left, and below with "big fish"). Bottom: Jim Venizelako, left, with 11 1/2" perch, and Cody Grahman with 11 1/4" fish, placed 2nd and 4th respectively.

Elisa French thought about cancelling the annual Fishing for Tyler Ice Fishing derby.

Named for her 15-year old son Tyler, who has Autism Spectrum Disorder, the derby raises funds to help offset the cost of his therapy. But with thin ice offshore at Innisfil Beach Park on Winterfest weekend, cancellation seemed likely.

It was the Ontario Fishing Community that urged the Innisfil family to go ahead with the annual event. "The weather isn't co-operating. The ice isn't co-operating," Elisa said. "I thought we'd have to cancel it, but the people wanted it. They were willing just to come out and pull up lawn chairs, and talk about fishing! It's all for Tyler."

Fishing for Tyler went ahead as planned, Feb. 25, but instead of fishing off Innisfil Beach Park, anglers signed in, then headed south to safe ice, in the Lefroy-Gilford area - coming back for the weigh-in, prizes and a BBQ.

Numbers were down. "Last year was the most we've had - 180," said Elisa. This year, about 70 anglers signed up, but "whatever we make is fine. We don't have a goal. We appreciate the help," she said. "It is what it is. We're happy, whether it's 25 or 100 people."

With that help, "Tyler improves every year. He's doing amazing." Now in High School, Tyler is showing great progress, especially in computers and math.

Tyler was on hand to congratulate the winner of the fishing derby - Erin Szabo, whose 11 3/4" perch was the largest fish of the day.



A Grand Old Building: The new Arena

by Bill Marks

In 1953, the Citizens of Bradford and West Gwillimbury realized that the life of the John St. West Arena was coming to a sad end. Residents began to rally around plans for a new Bradford & District Memorial Community Centre.

The Bradford Witness newspaper of December 9, 1953, carried news of a meeting to form a committee of fundraising volunteers. Committee members quickly divided the Town, Township and the Holland Marsh into canvass zones.

The committee believed many residents were misinformed about the project, and that more information regarding the estimated cost was needed: \$150,000 was the gross figure for a building complete in every detail, with no allowance made for grants, or free labour. The committee also realized that the building could be put into service, and artificial ice installed, long before construction was completed, at a fraction of the cost.

A sample of a pledge form appeared on the front page of the Witness. Citizens could pledge over a 3-year period. In small print, it said the form was only valid if the community centre was started by September 1, 1954.

A second article in the same newspaper bore the headline, "Nearly 1000 Children out to Greet Santa Claus." A large Christmas parade led by the RCAF Pipe Band from CFB Borden travelled down Holland St. West, ending up at the John St. Arena. Generous bags of fruit, candy, nuts and trinkets were handed out to the children - who entered the arena at the north end, and exited out the large south door. This was to be the last large event for the Grand Old Building.

The Dec. 16 edition of The Bradford Witness reported 12 Marsh reps and 12

West Gwillimbury reps met in Council, to discuss plans for a new arena. The Lions Club, the Rotary Club, Firemen and the Bradford Legion all had zones to canvass. Letters were sent to every resident, explaining the purpose of the fundraising drive, even before anyone was approached for a pledge.

The success of the fundraising drive would determine if the project got the go-ahead. If pledges did not indicate good financial support, it would mean the death knell for a new rink. Cheques were being placed in a trust account, and dated before July 1, 1954, with the balance to be paid over the next two years, if needed.

At that fundraising meeting, it was estimated that the costs for steel, cement blocks and roofing materials for a new Bradford & District Memorial Community Centre could be purchased for less than \$50,000, according to the building plans and based on considerable free labour. If the residents responded with anticipated generosity, much of the building could be completed in the first year, organizers concluded.

But between that meeting and construction came Hurricane Hazel - a life-changing event that caused widespread flooding, and a new focus of fundraising. The Holland Marsh launched a fundraising campaign to raise \$10,000 to equip a 4-bed room at York County Hospital (now Southlake). After Hazel, Marsh residents realized the great need for an expanded hospital serving their area.

At the same time, fundraising for a new arena also continued - reaching \$33,685.15 by November 30, 1955, in amounts that ranged from \$1 to \$300, demonstrating what can be accomplished if everyone helps out and works for the good of the community.

Unveiling at the Simcoe County Archives



Mark Wanzel photo, Barrie Examiner

The Simcoe County Archives, located near Midhurst, houses historical documents and records - including the 1540 hand-drawn map of the New World by Sebastian Munster, above, that Assistant Archivist Ellen Millar is showing MP for Simcoe-Grey Dr. Kellie Leitch. Simcoe County Warden Cal Patterson, and Gre-Medonte Mayor Harry Hughes. On Feb. 24, the Archives opened a 10,000 sq. ft. addition, containing mobile shelving, a new fire suppression system, cold storage vault, external generator and laboratory. The \$4.3 million project was made possible by \$2.6 million in Infrastructure Stimulus funding, provided by the Federal and Provincial Governments. The County funded the difference.

Percin' For MS

Doug Poliric is inviting ice anglers to the 2nd annual Percin for MS - a premier ice fishing Derby scheduled for March 3 at Sibbald Point Provincial Park, and a fundraiser for Multiple Sclerosis. Percin for MS will offer thousands of dollars in cash and prizes - as well as the support of ARGO Amphibious vehicles, to assist those with physical disabilities get out on the ice. Cost to enter is \$40 (team of 2, or individual). The derby runs from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., with weigh-in, charity BBQ and Auction to follow. Tickets are available at D.W. & Son Bait and Tackle in Jackson's Point, Southpaw Trading Post on Hwy. 49 in Sutton, and D.C. Marine (between Sutton and Keswick), or visit www.percinforms.com

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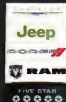
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